

Powering Nevada's Immunization Registry

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.NET UPGRADE

The .NET upgrade moves forward daily with great progress. Testing has begun on the system with very few testing issues arising. Overall, the project progresses as expected.

With this upgrade Nevada WebIZ will still function the same, but look a little different. After completing testing the training webinars will start.

Nevada WebIZ looks forward to implementation in January. Stay tuned for more information on the webinars.

IT'S THE LAW

According to NRS 439.265 and corresponding code **ALL** administered vaccinations given to children and adults must be recorded into Nevada WebIZ. Individuals have the right to "Opt-Out" if they do not want their information in the system, but the individual must complete the Participation Form and the provider must mail or fax to the WebIZ Program.

Some providers have thought that the law only applies to VFC vaccines. Not true - **the law requires entry of all vaccines regardless of purchase method.**



If a VFC provider continually does not record their administered vaccinations into Nevada WebIZ, they may lose their free vaccine supply from the Immunization Program.

If you have any questions regarding this please call our Help Desk.

NV WEBIZ NEWS


NEW TRAINER

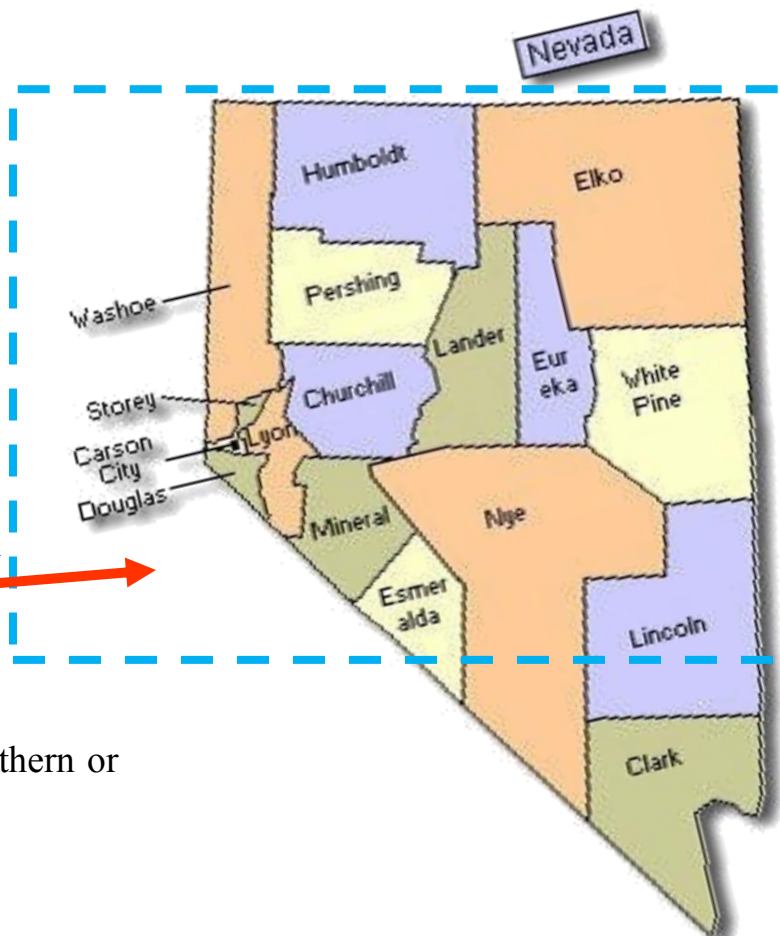
Please welcome Janet Osalvo to the Nevada WebIZ Program. Janet was recently hired to train providers on WebIZ in Northern and Rural Nevada. Janet has worked for the State of Nevada for 10 years and six of those years with the Nevada State Health Division.

As the Northern and Rural Nevada WebIZ Trainer Janet's responsibilities will include training new providers on how to use WebIZ, retrain providers who may need some extra guidance, assess how well providers use WebIZ, and so much more.

Janet's background includes over 30 years of administrative work and is an active member of Toastmasters. Her background will truly help her become a great trainer for the Nevada WebIZ Program.



Janet will cover all of Northern and Rural Nevada. See map. 



To schedule a WebIZ training in Northern or Rural Nevada please call Janet at 775-684-5996.

NV WEBIZ NEWS

HL7 UPDATE

We have made tremendous progress with our Health Level Seven (HL7) project. A quick reminder: HL7 is a standard that allows two unlike systems to communicate. Our project will use HL7 to update immunizations records from a providers electronic medical record/electronic health record (EMR/EHR) to Nevada WebIZ. HL7 removes the need for duplicate data entry saving time and money.

The Nevada WebIZ test system has been upgraded to the .Net framework along with an upgraded version of the HL7 software. Next the testing phase begins with our Pilot Provider, Southwest Medical Associates (SMA). To date SMA has sent 5,000 records to the test system. The test process starts with data integrity and ends with communication testing. We expect to begin receiving over 500,000 historical vaccinations from SMA to the newly upgraded test system in the next couple weeks. All of those records will also be tested for data integrity. System performance will also be tested during that upload.

We have selected Washoe County Health District (WCHD) as our second HL7 provider. We've had an initial meeting and will begin evaluating data integrity, so that we start off with clean data.

THE PREVNAR REMINDER CONTINUES

After 5 months of sending monthly Prevnar reminders by phone and mail, the Nevada WebIZ Program sees evidence of success! Beginning in June 2010, we placed phone calls and sent postcards to children aged seven to eight months and seventeen to eighteen months with at least one dose of Prevnar documented in the registry. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provided their Prevnar request statistics: between 1/1/2010 and 5/31/2010, VFC providers statewide requested 37,630 doses of Prevnar. Between 6/1/2010 and 10/31/2010, that number jumped up to 45,320 doses! What a difference!



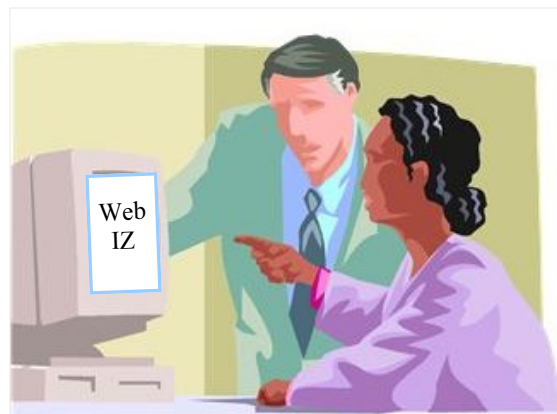
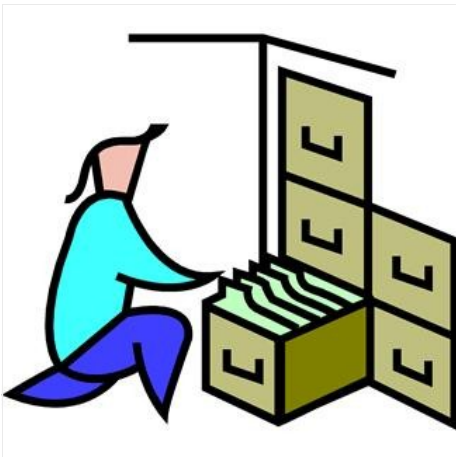
In the face of such immunization success, we hope you, our providers, find inspiration to continue ensuring the accuracy of your patients' records. Please take a few extra moments each day to review (and update if necessary) your patients' addresses and phone numbers in the registry. Accurate contact information means more patients reached and more visits to your office. By helping us reach your patients through this project, you help create the opportunity to improve the health of our community. Thank you!

Quality healthcare depends on the availability of quality data!

LEGACY DATA PROJECT

Webster's defines Legacy as something from the past. Recently the Nevada WebIZ program received funding to assist providers in entering historical immunizations into a child's immunization record. We want to put all immunization information in one central location within a child's record so when you look at the immunization record you get the most complete up to date picture of that child. THANK YOU to all of you who do put the immunization history in Nevada WebIZ for your current patients.

We have hired four data entry staff to assist providers with this data entry function. Our current focus: Children born between 2007 thru 2010. We have begun visiting offices in both Northern and Southern Nevada.



As a pediatric office if you would like us to come and assist in the completion of a child's records that have birth dates between 2007 and 2010 please notify us at 702-933-7328 for Southern Nevada and 775-684-4273 for Northern Nevada. We want to look at all immunization records, enter and ensure completeness, however we needed to start somewhere and picked the children of Nevada between the ages of 1-3 to begin this project.

This project does not (and was never meant to) replace your efforts to complete the immunization record or history; it does assist you in completing records that already exist within WebIZ. We have tremendous amounts of providers who use WebIZ and we want to ensure that we have done our best to assist you in the completion of your child's immunization record. We look forward to hearing from you.

NV WEBIZ LESSONS

RECONCILIATION: TIPS FOR SUCCESS

If you manage the *quantity* of your vaccine inventory in Nevada WebIZ (aka a “Type 3” provider office), you know that you must also complete a monthly *reconciliation*. Simple errors made during data entry can become time-consuming issues when it comes time to reconcile. Follow these tips for successful inventory management:



Dear Nevada WebIZ,

Q: *I need to enter a vaccine on a patient's record but the vaccine given does not show up on the list of vaccines to choose from.*

A: The FDA licenses vaccines for administration to certain age groups- if your patient's age falls outside of that age range, the vaccine will not appear in the dropdown list. In this case you would need to contact our Help Desk to have the age limit of the vaccine adjusted for you to enter it on this patient's record. Also, new vaccines show up every now and then so if you receive a new vaccine and do not see it in WebIZ, let us know and we will add it promptly.

Q: *Here in our office we have access to enter vaccine lot numbers in WebIZ. When adding vaccine lot details to WebIZ, we do not always feel sure about which three letter manufacturer code to select. How can we find out which code to choose?*

A: To view a list of vaccine manufacturers and their codes, click on Reports/Forms in the Main Menu and scroll down to the Standard Forms section. Click on “CDC Manufacturer Codes” (the fourth item down). You can print this out and save it for your reference.

Communicate with your staff: Everyone in the office should understand the importance of accurate and timely data entry. Taking extra time *now* can save extra time spent *later*.

What goes in...what comes out: Remember this mantra: “What goes in my refrigerator *goes into my WebIZ inventory*. What comes out of my refrigerator *comes out of my WebIZ inventory*.” Think about it- when you pull a vaccine out to vaccinate a person, you then record the vaccine in WebIZ, which deducts a dose from your On-Hand. So, if you remove expired vaccine from your refrigerator, you must also adjust it out of your inventory.

Try to reflect reality: If you receive a vaccine shipment on 12/15/2010, you could begin vaccinating patients with that vaccine as soon as 12/15/2010. When adding this new inventory to WebIZ, even if you forgot to do it until 12/17/2010, use 12/15/2010 as your adjustment date. After all, you couldn't vaccinate a patient on the 15th with something you received on the 17th, right?

Counting vaccines and your end date: When creating a reconciliation, you must indicate a start date and end date. Remember that WebIZ includes vaccine transactions occurring *through the end* of that date- if you count in the morning, select the prior day as your end date. If you count in the afternoon, do so after all vaccinations have ceased, and select that day as your end date.

Still have questions? Call our Help Desk.

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TRAINING

NORTHERN & RURAL NEVADA

Reno

January 26: 9am - 12pm OR 1:30pm - 4:30pm
February 16: 9am - 12pm OR 1:30pm - 4:30pm

The Brown Center (WCSD Admin Building)
14101 Old Virginia Road
Reno, Nevada

Carson City

January 24: 9am - 12pm OR 1:30pm - 4:30pm
February 23: 9am - 12pm OR 1:30pm - 4:30pm

State of Nevada
ITS Training Facility
727 Fairview Drive, room B
Carson City, Nevada

Fax completed registration form to 775-687-7596.

SOUTHERN NEVADA

January 28: 8:30am - 11:30am OR 1pm - 4pm
February 18: 8:30am - 11:30am OR 1pm - 4pm
March 18: 8:30am - 11:30am OR 1pm - 4pm

Clark County Government Center
500 South Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada

Fax completed registration form to 702-407-7554.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Nurses and pharmacists who need CEUs can now earn continuing education credits by taking Nevada WebIZ training. So how can I do this?

- Complete training from a certified Nevada WebIZ trainer
- Sign-in on a specific sign-in sheet for your medical profession. Bring your medical license number to document on the sign-in sheet.
- Get a certificate via email or mail and submit through your normal channels.



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